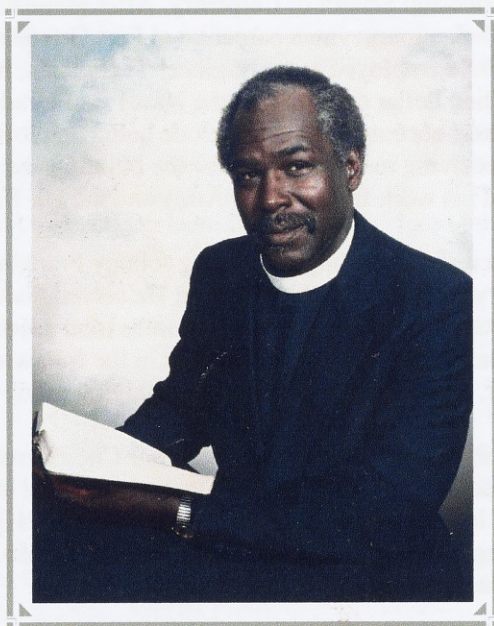


A Celebration of Life

Superintendent

Johnny T. Franklin



Sunrise
September 12, 1934
Fort White, Florida

Sunset
November 28, 2010
Salinas, California

Supt. Johnny Franklin, Pastor
Royal Family, Church of God in Christ
671 East Market Street ~ Salinas, CA

Host Church
Greater Victory Temple Church of God In Christ
1620 Broadway Ave ~ Seaside, CA 93955

Reflection Of Life *Obituary*

Johnny Franklin, a native of Fort White, Florida moved to Vallejo, Ca. in 1952. After moving to Vallejo he attended high school for approximately six months. On April 3, 1953, he enlisted in the United States Army and served during the Korean Conflict. After completing his tour, he received an Honorable Discharge on April 2, 1956.

He returned to the city of Vallejo, Ca. and thereafter enrolled in the California State Apprenticeship School of Carpentry. After graduating, he was employed as a full fledge journeyman carpenter at Fort Ord then later at Moffett Field. While employed as an Engineer Technician, he was responsible for multi-million dollar contracts. at the Naval Post Graduate School. Some of his greatest accomplishments include being employed with the Civil Services, receiving many citations for the buildings he constructed and the quality of his work from the US Army and the US Navy.

In 1959, during a revival meeting, the young Johnny Franklin was saved under the ministry of the late Bishop Rucker. He served under the late Bishop S.R. Martin during that time. Four months after receiving salvation he accepted his call to the ministry and served in the following capacities: The Senior Choir, Mother White's Templelite singing group and Jr. Pastor.

In 1964, while Johnny was singing for the Senior Choir, Irma was singing with the trumpeters. Irma was attracted to that very special singing voice. They met, fell in love and on Feb. 13, 1965 were married. His favorite song that he would sing to her was "You Are So Beautiful To Me." It would always melt her heart and make her smile.

In 1965, Elder Franklin moved to Salinas and placed his membership at Royal Family COGIC, under the pastoralship of the late Pastor Herman Simpson Sr. There he served as Sunday school teacher of the men's class, Sunday school superintendent YPWW teacher, choir president, and assistant pastor for nearly 12 years.

In 1978, Elder Franklin received his Associate of Arts Degree from Hartnell College. In 1979 he was accepted to San Jose State and relocated with his family to San Jose and placed his membership at Prayer Garden COGIC under the leadership of the late Bishop M. Mathis. There he served in the senior choir and taught the New Converts Class.

Reflection Of Life

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In 1984 The Lord called Pastor Simpson home and it was his desire that Elder Franklin be appointed pastor. In August of 1984 he was installed as Pastor of the Royal Family COGIC. Some 14 years later Pastor Franklin was blessed by God to retire from the Federal Government as a civil servant of 35 years and became a full-time pastor.

In August of 2003 Pastor Franklin enrolled at California State University Monterey Bay to complete his degree in Sociology and Psychology. After hard work, discipline and perseverance in June 2009 he graduated with his Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Sociology and a minor in Psychology.

Under Pastor Franklin's leadership the following ministries have been initiated: Jail ministry, Neighborhood Witnessing ministry, Emergency Food Bank ministry and the Hospital and Convalescent Home ministry. Pastor Franklin served as a member of the Religious and Moral Value Forum For Peace, the NAACP, and the local Chamber of Commerce.

Pastor Franklin was appointed by Bishop W.W. Hamilton to serve on the Ordination Board of California Northwest Jurisdiction. He was appointed the Second Assistant to the President of the Pastors and Elders Council and in June 2005 was elected Chairman of the Pastors and Elders Council. In January 2008 Bishop W.W. Hamilton appointed him chairman of the Ordination Board of California Northwest Jurisdiction.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents who raised him, Lewis and Eve Sumpter, and his son, Arnold Franklin

He leaves to cherish his memories and celebrate his homegoing his wife, Irma Franklin; mother, Anna Ruth Wilson; his 4 sons, Johnny Jr. (Lisa), Donald Franklin, Tharon Franklin (Doddie), Burchell Franklin (Lisa); 2 Daughters, Victoria Ferreira (Dennis), Raquel Bridges; 11 grandchildren, Vakisha Coleman, Ricky Lewis, Charmaine Bridges, Crystal Bridges, Jonathan Ferreira, Jonathan Franklin, Asia Franklin, Lannette Franklin, Ronald Green, Josiah Johnson, Jaylen Franklin; and 1 great grandson, Jayden Franklin; 4 brothers, Louis Black, Aaron Wilson, Maurice Wilson, Alfonzo Wilson; 1 sister, Minnie Ruth Black; 6 God-daughters, Lena Marshal, Toya Vogt, Charla Coley, Lela Hawkins, Danisha Washington, Courtney Crocker; many nieces, nephews, spiritual children and a host of relatives, friends and church family.

Order of Service

*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:
II Timothy 4:7*

Organ Prelude ~ Processional

Pulpit Director

Sr. Administrative Assistant Samuel Bobo, Sr.

Invocation.....Supt. Carlton Wright

Scripture.....Old Testament..... Supt. John Cox
New Testament..... Supt. Robert Smith

Praise and Worship.....Missionary Valencia Thomas

Reflections (2 Minutes).....Royal Family COGIC
Mother Benzel Sells
Deacon Charles Chambers
Bishop Charlie Parker
New Life Int. Prophetic Outreach Ministries

Solo.....Nisha Britton

Reflections (2 Minutes).....Monterey District
Asst. District Supt. Ernest Brown
District Missionary Patricia Wright

Selection.....Monterey District Choir

Reflections (2 Minutes).....California Northwest
Mother Mary Magdalene Welch
Supervisor of Women

Order of Service Con't

Reflections (2 Minutes).....California Northwest Cont.

Supt. Benny Toliver
Representing CNW Ordination Board

Admin. Assist. Darnell Thomas
Representing CNW Pastors

Admin Assist, Supt. Nathaniel Bullock
Representing CNW Superintendents

Selection.....Monterey District Choir

Family Tribute.....Gloria Ford
Vakisha Coleman & Crystal Bridges
Elder Tharon Franklin & Victoria Ferreira

Resolutions.....Artise Matthews

Acknowledgement Of Cards
and Condolences.....Mother Deloris Higgins

Obituary.....Marsha Peoples

Sermonic Solo.....Elder Timothy Martin

The Eulogy

Bishop W. W. Hamilton, Jurisdictional Bishop
CNW, Church Of God In Christ

Departing View.....Healey Mortuary

*In Loving Memory
From Your Loving Wife*



Dear Johnny (Sweet Heart as you are to me)

Though you are not with me physically, your spirit is here now with me and always will be.

I had no desire to marry a preacher or a pastor but it was God's plan. He gave me the best. Next to Jesus you were the best thing that ever happen to me. You melted my heart with your singing and my German chocolate cake melted

yours (and your stomach). We fell in love, got married and the rest is history. You are my husband, my lover, my very best friend, my buddy, my joy and without a doubt, my unforgettable love. God truly gave me the best.



You were a great, sincere and considerate pastor. You were an anointed teacher, preacher and singer. You loved the Lord, your family, the Royal Family Church, and all God's people. You always went out of your way to reach out to people. You touched so many lives of all races.



Your great sense of humor always made me laugh. You brought me Sees candy and roses any time just because you loved me. I have so many memories to cherish forever. (The Weeping Preacher) To my great big "Banana Pudding." Until I see you again.

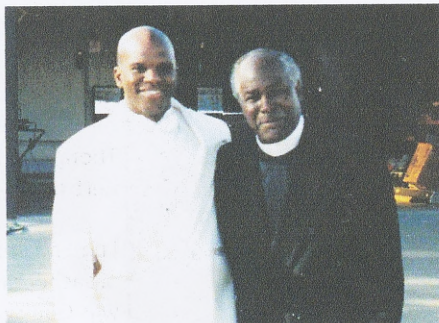
Always your Baby,

Irma

In Loving Memory

Love Notes To Our Daddy

My Dad, my Hero, my Role Model, my Friend, my Confidant, my Advisor. He loved me and he disciplined me with love. He loved my family. He taught me to love God and do his will and my life would be blessed. I will miss him greatly. I know he is rejoicing and resting from labor. My Dad is in the place where there is no more sickness, no more pain, no more heartache or disappointment. As blind Daniels would say every day is howdy, howdy and never good-bye. Tharon Franklin



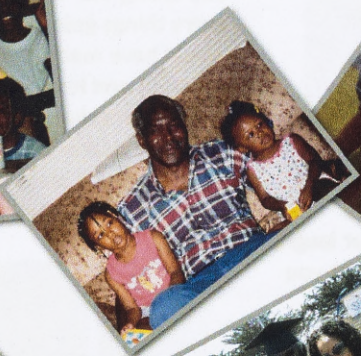
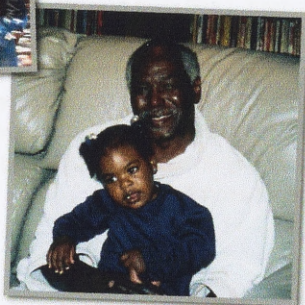
Aloha Daddy,
I'll miss calling you every morning and hearing you say "Is that Ms. Hawaii calling and checking in?" I'll miss talking to you and you telling me "hang in their daughter, every things going to be alright." I never would have made it without your encouragement and love. I know your rejoicing with the angels and have no more pain and you have peace. Daddy, we'll always love you very much and you're in my heart. Until we meet again... Love you, Victoria

I miss you. I miss your smile, your laugh, and your voice. I miss the way that you would call for me; "Hey Burc." It is extremely difficult facing the reality that you are gone, but I am comforted by the FACT that you are in eternal peace. I will love you forever. Put a pole in the water for me until I get there. Burchell

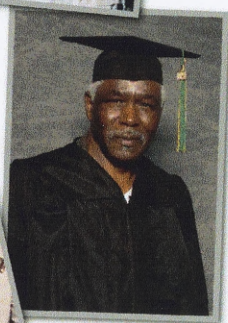
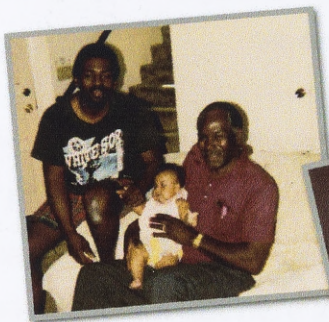


Daddy, you will be greatly missed. You loved and were loved by many. I know we're not suppose to question God, but I can't help but ask, why you? Why now? And his reply is because you were ready... So rest with the Lord and I'll see you again someday. Love your Baby Daughter Kelly

In Loving Memory
Family Collage



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In Loving Memory



God's Promise

God never promised a life without pain,
Laughter without tears or sun without rain.
But He did not promise strength for the day,
Comfort for the tears and the light for the way,
And for all who believe In His Heaven above
He rewards their faith In His everlasting love.



We Thank You



Perhaps you sang a lovely song, or sat quietly in a chair,
Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say.
Perhaps you are not here at all, just thinking of us on this day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts,

May God Bless You Always

The Franklin Family



Pall Bearers

Elder Tommy Hughes
Kenny Stuart
Dwight Ford
Shawn Brooks
Reginald Oreaboe
Bishop Charlie Parker

Honorary Pall Bearers

Deacon Charles Chambers
Deacon Curtis Sells
Lorenzo Hunter
Burchell Franklin
Dennis Ferreira
Elder Tharon Franklin



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Interment

Garden of Memories Memorial Park
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